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Re: United States v. Vance Collins and Ramon Ramirez, No. 19-cr-00395 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

We write on behalf of both Vance Collins and Ramon Ramirez. Both men are scheduled to be sentenced on April 14, 2021 at 11:00 AM. Due to ongoing difficulties resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, we respectfully request that their sentencings be adjourned three weeks, to a date convenient to the Court after May 6, 2021. We also request that both Mr. Collins and Mr. Ramirez receive in-person sentencing hearings.

As previously communicated to the Court, it has been extremely difficult for counsel to meet with Mr. Collins since his move to Westchester County Department of Correction. Further, the pandemic has caused delays in locating and collecting necessary sentencing information for both men, and certain critical items remain outstanding. The additional time will permit the defense to adequately prepare for sentencing, and we do not anticipate seeking another adjournment.

Mr. Kluger joins this letter on behalf of Mr. Ramirez, and the government consents to the adjournment request.

We thank the Court for its consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,

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